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LGBT Pride Month



The month of June was originally celebrated as lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) Pride Month to commemorate the June 1969 Stonewall riots in New York City, which sparked the modern LGBT civil rights movement in the United States.

A Survey of LGBT Americans by Pew Research Center in June 2013 shows that 92% say society has become more accepting of them in the past decade and an equal number expect it to grow even more accepting in the decade ahead. They attribute the changes to a variety of factors, from people knowing and interacting with someone who is LGBT, to advocacy on their behalf by high-profile public figures, to LGBT adults raising families.

At the same time, however, a new nationally representative survey of 1,197 LGBT adults offers testimony to the many ways they feel they have been stigmatized by society. About four-in-ten (39%) say that at some point in their lives they were rejected by a family member or close friend because of their sexual orientation or gender identity; 30% say they have

been physically attacked or threatened; 29% say they have been made to feel unwelcome in a place of worship; and 21% say they have been treated unfairly by an employer. About six-in-ten (58%) say they've been the target of slurs or jokes.

The survey finds that the LGBT population is distinctive in many ways beyond sexual orientation. Compared with the general public, Pew Research LGBT survey respondents are more liberal, more Democratic, less religious, less happy with their lives, and more satisfied with the general direction of the country. On average, they are younger than the general public. Their family incomes are lower, which may be related to their relative youth and the smaller size of their households. They are also more likely to perceive discrimination not just against themselves but also against other groups with a legacy of discrimination. Source: <http://goo.gl/bgnLqk>

Harvey Milk



Harvey Milk made history when he became the first openly gay person to be elected to public office in America. After unsuccessfully running for office three

times, Milk was elected to the Board of Supervisors, San Francisco's legislative body, in 1977. At a time when homosexuality was viewed by many as a mental disorder, Milk sponsored and helped pass a strong civil rights

bill criminalizing discrimination based on sexual orientation. He became a hero in San Francisco and in the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community in America. Less than a year after taking office, he was assassinated by a political and personal opponent.

In 2009, the California legislature made Harvey Milk Day a state-recognized day of special significance. That same year, President Obama posthumously awarded Milk the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian honor in the United States. Source: <http://goo.gl/yTUUyn>

More Resources:

- ◆ EJJUSA: LGBT Rights in America Today
Link: <http://goo.gl/ISAu7N>
- ◆ Freedom from Fear: Creating Safe Spaces for LGBT Youth
Link: <http://goo.gl/WKuXDy>
- ◆ Gay-Straight Alliances
Link: <http://goo.gl/egLRE9>
- ◆ LGBT in Changing Times by Pew Research Center
Link: <http://goo.gl/qZwSiL>
- ◆ Obama Proclamation of June as LGBT Pride Month
Link: <http://goo.gl/Guql0s>
- ◆ President Obama and the LGBT Community
Link: whitehouse.gov/lgbt
- ◆ The Global Divide on Homosexuality by Pew Research Center
Link: <http://goo.gl/m7URB>
- ◆ The U.S. Supreme Court and LGBT Rights
Link: <http://goo.gl/ggDvtt>

See page 2 for more resources on LGBT related issues.

eLibraryUSA Resources on LGBT

Global Issues In Context

Global Issues In Context has several reports that cover issues related to LGBT people.

Link: <http://goo.gl/qGae43>

Hide/Seek: Difference and Desire in American Portraiture (Smithsonian)

This exhibition from the National Portrait Gallery focused on gay and lesbian contributions to American culture and the display of LGBT themes in American portraits.

Link: <http://goo.gl/fMtij>

Lost and Found: The Lesbian and Gay Presence at the Archives of American Art (Smithsonian)

Link: <http://goo.gl/myWf4V>

Filmakers Library Online

Filmakers Library Online has a number of documentaries that discuss issues that affect LGBT people. They are listed under the Topic of Sexuality and Gender.

Link: <http://goo.gl/4mY7V1>

HIV and AIDS: 30 Years Ago (Smithsonian)

HIV and AIDS ravaged the LGBT community in the 1980s and is still a health issue today.

Link: <http://hivaid.omeka.net/>

CQ Researcher

CQ Researcher has published three reports analyzing LGBT rights issues.

Link: <http://goo.gl/b5LMhD>

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DEMOCRACY, CIVIL SOCIETY & EDUCATION

1. Two Takes On How Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) May Affect Librarians and Library Services.

By Paul Signorelli and Amanda Hovious. American Libraries, May 27, 2014

What impact do you see MOOCs having on the library's role as the "people's university"?

Just as libraries provide "free" and open access to learning resources, MOOCs provide free and open access to learning opportunities that many might not otherwise have. There is no reason that libraries and those designing and providing MOOCs can't work together in the same way that the New York Public Library system has been working with Lynda .com, or the San Francisco Public Library and others have been working to provide free access to the Learn4Life site. Read more at <http://goo.gl/JQyLmF>

2. How Activists Changed Washington.

By William Michael Schmidli. Foreign Affairs, June 1, 2014

Today, the concept of universal human rights is a regular feature of U.S. political discourse. Americans frequently interpret overseas developments -- from religious discrimination and violence in Baghdad to the exploitation of factory workers in Bangladesh, kidnappings in Honduras, and immigration restrictions in Europe -- in relation to human rights (and, almost inevitably, in terms of "violations"), and look to U.S. foreign policy to protect those rights abroad. Read more at <http://goo.gl/1fPtE>

3. Democracy, Prosperity Linked in Americas, Kerry Says.

By John Kerry. IIP Digital, June 2014.

Last month in Mexico City, I walked through the halls of the Palacio Nacional, and I couldn't help but feel the impact of Diego Rivera's powerful murals depicting four centuries of Mexican history, remarkable testament to the long journey from subjugation to thriving democracy. Not so long ago, naysayers doubted that the growth of democracy in Mexico and elsewhere across the Americas would translate into better lives for the people who live there. But the story of modern-day Mexico and many other countries proves that democracy and economic stability are partners. In fact, when I travel to other regions of the world struggling with modernity and skeptical of democracy, I tell them to look to the Americas as proof of the progress that's possible. Read more at <http://goo.gl/TPjiqh>

ECONOMIC AND REGIONAL SECURITY

4. Time Inc. Has a Big Problem—So Does Digital Journalism.

By Derek Thomson. The Atlantic Magazine, June 2014

Time Inc., the mother of news-magazines, was born in 1922. She survived wars and recessions, grew up to be fabulously rich by mid-century, married the media giant Warner Communications, entered the golden years as one of the largest media companies in the world, suffered a mid-life crisis at the hands of AOL, and watched Warner Music Group and Time Warner Cable (both adopted off-

spring) graduate into independence. But today the circle of life closes its long arc, as Time Inc. is starting over again as a pure publishing company, anxiously asking the same question it successfully answered 90 years ago: Are magazines the future? Read more at <http://goo.gl/JW8jC7>

5. Lowflation: Should We Fear Stable Prices?

By Robert Kahn and Steven A. Tananbaum. Council on Foreign Relations, June 2014.

Bottom Line: Low inflation may be symptomatic of deeper prob-

lems, such as inadequate demand or central bank policy failures. The costs of low inflation could be high for European economies. There is a new Washington consensus, and it consists of a simple message: low inflation threatens the global economy. A weak and disappointing economic recovery feeds the concern, especially at a time when inflation is below targets and near zero in many countries. When did price stability change from a goal to a problem? Is too little inflation a symptom or cause of what ails us? Read more at <http://>

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

6. Smart Wind and Solar Power. By Kevin Bullis. MIT Technology Review, Vol. 117, No. 3, May/June 2014.

Wind power is booming on the open plains of eastern Colorado. Travel seven miles north of the town of Limon on Highway 71 and then head east on County Road 3p, a swath of dusty gravel running alongside new power lines: within minutes you'll be surrounded by towering wind turbines in rows stretching for miles. Three large wind farms have been built in the area since 2011. A new one is going up this year. Full text is available at the IRC.

7. Microscale 3-D Printing. By David Rotman. MIT Technology Review, Vol. 117, No. 3, May/June 2014.

Despite the excitement that 3-D printing has generated, its capabilities remain rather limited. It can be used to make complex shapes, but most commonly only out of plastics. Even manufacturers using an advanced version of the technology known as additive manufacturing typically have expanded the material palette only to a few types of metal alloys. But what if 3-D printers could use a wide assortment of different materials, from living cells to semiconductors, mixing and

matching the "inks" with precision? Full text is available at the IRC.

8. Outgoing Congressman Rush Holt Calls Scientists to Action. By Sam Lemonick. Science News, June 2014.

Rush Holt, central New Jersey's "rocket scientist" representative, thinks Capitol Hill needs more scientists. He's leaving Congress at the end of this year, but his eight terms in office have taught him that scientists need to help craft the nation's laws now more than ever. Read more at <http://goo.gl/N09DjB>



FOURTH OF JULY A White House Fourth

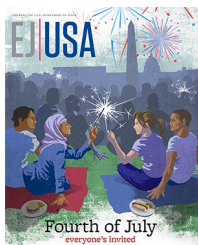
Fourth of July festivities at the White House, although bigger in scale than most Independence Day parties, feature the same sort of hospitality found at more modest celebrations, according to Deesha Dyer, White House deputy social secretary. This year, the Obamas will host a barbecue for military families on the South Lawn, as they've done every year. "There are games for kids — it's always fun to watch kids play with the [hula] hoops — musical performances and, of course, the celebratory fireworks over the Washington Monument," said Dyer. What's on the menu? Summer foods, including grilled chicken, hot dogs, hamburgers, fruit, potato salad and a crowd favorite, corn on the cob. Read more: <http://goo.gl/nD2Hyr>

Additional Resources:

- ◆ EJJUSA: Destination America Link: <http://goo.gl/K1LCCA>
- ◆ EJJUSA: National Parks, National Legacy Link: <http://goo.gl/LPI9cY>
- ◆ IIP Pamphlet: Independence Day Link: <http://goo.gl/yVU0ZW>
- ◆ Recreation.gov is your gateway to discover America's Outdoors. Link: <http://www.recreation.gov/>
- ◆ American Food Roots Link: americanfoodroots.com
- ◆ Fourth of July Music Reflects U.S. History, Diversity. Link: <http://goo.gl/zwGRIU>
- ◆ Fourth of July Celebrations Link: <http://goo.gl/01dvml>
- ◆ Today in History: July 4 - Independence Day Link: <http://goo.gl/Y5xd>

ALL ABOUT AMERICA

9. EJJUSA: Fourth of July – Everyone's Invited. IIP Digital Ejournal, June 2014



This year's Independence Day celebration, a theme in this issue, is sure to include recognition

of the country's immigrant beginnings. In these pages you will read about newer immigrant communities and how they plan to celebrate the Fourth of July and about refugees resettling here. We include a report on the American taste for barbecue; this form of cooking is so popular that it is viewed as an institution. This issue includes stories about business students learning from other countries' firms, big or small, and American startup companies expanding their plans to include outer space. Here are teenagers

learning to eat healthy and scientists and surfers alike saving endangered oceans. You are sure to find something of interest, wherever you are from. Full text is available at <http://goo.gl/XJnU65>

10. The Next America. By Paul Taylor. Pew Research Center, April 2014.

Demographic transformations are dramas in slow motion. America is in the midst of two right now. Our population is becoming majority non-white at the same time a record share is going gray. Each of these shifts would by itself be the defining demographic story of its era. The fact that both are unfolding simultaneously has generated big generation gaps that will put stress on our politics, families, pocketbooks, entitlement programs and social cohesion. Read more at <http://goo.gl/IIG08l>

11. Visitors Fault Sept. 11 Museum's Portrayal of Islam. By Sharon Otterman.

New York Times Magazine, June 1, 2014.

After the vivid audio recordings, diagrams and personal artifacts that take visitors minute by minute through the Sept. 11 attacks, and before the images of recovery workers combing through rubble, a small section of the National September 11 Memorial Museum is devoted to explaining Al Qaeda and terrorism. A seven-minute video installation narrates a summarized history of Al Qaeda, opposite a series of brief explanatory panels about the group's ideology and its attacks. On a recent weekday, some visitors stopped to watch the film in its entirety, but others only paused briefly. Some read the text panels, one of which explains that Al Qaeda represents a tiny fraction of the world's Muslims; many people did not. Read more at <http://goo.gl/9a8nPj>

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Our professional reference specialists are trained to assist users to conduct library research as well as to retrieve information quickly and conveniently. We also conducts regular programs on English language learning, study in the U.S./ EducationUSA advising, information literacy classes, presentation/ discussion/ workshop events and movies/ gaming activities.

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IRC Program Highlights in May 2014



1) Assistant Cultural Attaché, John Choi gave a presentation and discussion on Asian American for students of Universitas Jenderal Soedirman, Purwokerto. 2) Stephen Feldmayer and Jonah Kopp shared stories on "Student Life in the U.S" to Remaja Jakarta Ceria 3) One on one consultation for participants from "Academic Writing" with Assistant Cultural Attaché, Silvie Young.

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